

Supplementary Information File

OccK Channels from *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* Exhibit Diverse Single-channel Electrical Signatures, but Conserved Anion Selectivity

Jiaming Liu¹, Elif Eren², Jagamya Vijayaraghavan², Belete R. Cheneke¹, Mridhu Indic², Bert van den Berg² and Liviu Movileanu^{1,3,4}

¹*Department of Physics, Syracuse University, 201 Physics Building, Syracuse, New York 13244-1130, USA*

²*Program in Molecular Medicine, University of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester, Massachusetts 01605, USA*

³*Structural Biology, Biochemistry, and Biophysics Program, Syracuse University, 111 College Place, Syracuse, New York 13244-4100, USA*

⁴*Syracuse Biomaterials Institute, Syracuse University, 121 Link Hall, Syracuse, New York 13244, USA*

Running title: Outer membrane proteins from *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*

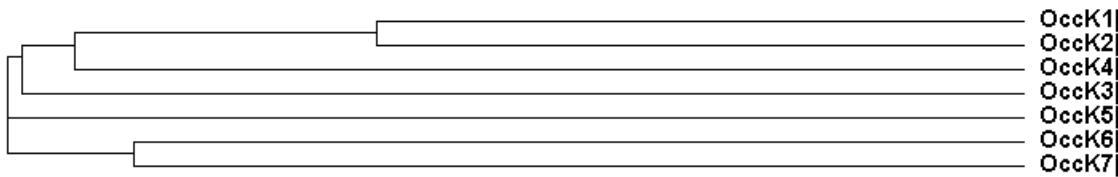
Key words: • Single-channel electrical recordings; • Single-molecule biophysics; • Channel gating; • The kinetic rate theory; • The OccK family.

[†]This paper is funded in part by grants from the US National Science Foundation (DMR-1006332, L.M.) and the National Institutes of Health (R01 GM088403, L.M. and R01 GM085785, B.v.d.B.).

Corresponding author: Liviu Movileanu, PhD, Department of Physics, Syracuse University, 201 Physics Building, Syracuse, New York 13244-1130, USA; Phone: 315-443-8078; Fax: 315-443-9103;
E-mail: lmovilea@physics.syr.edu

Figure S1

A



B

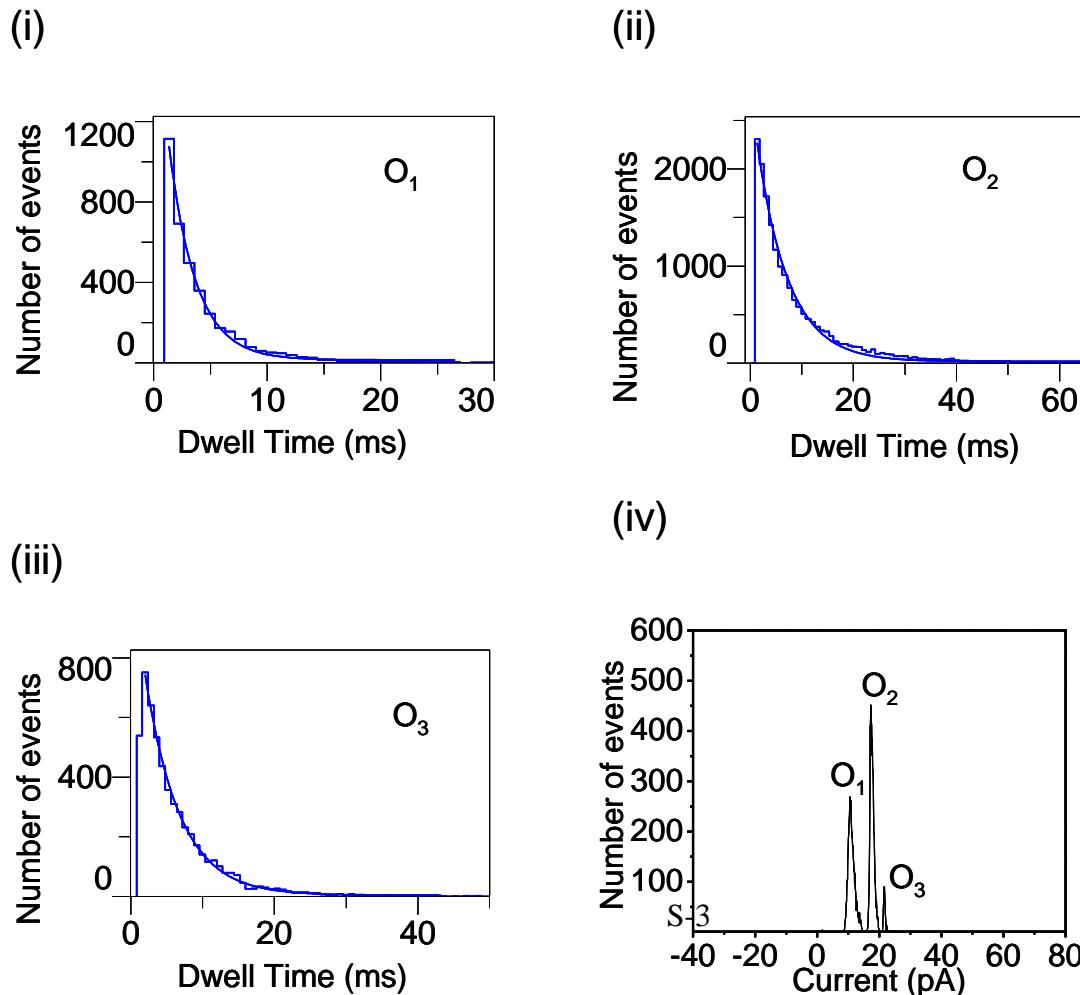
OccK1 | -----AEGGFLEDAKTDLVLRNYYFN RDFRDHDAGKSLVDEWAQGFILKFSSGYTP 51
 OccK2 | -----GHVHAGQGFLEDAKASLTARNFHLHRNFVG-DASQGKAEEWTQSFIELDARSQFTQ 54
 OccK3 | -----DLVEDSHASLELRNFYFNRDFRQSGARDN-ADEWAQGFLLRLESQFSE 47
 OccK4 | -----EFLADSSAHLDLRNFYQLRDYRQHDAPQSQAGNWSSQGVFLRLQSGFTG 48
 OccK5 | VLAGIAPLGNAAGFLEDKSASLETRNFYMN RDFRD-GPGQSKREWEWAQGFILNLQSGFTQ 59
 OccK6 | -----EFIGDSKASIELRNFYFNRFDRQEGASQSKAEEWAQGFLLRYESGYTE 48
 OccK7 | -----EFFADGKAGLELRNFYFNRDYRQPGASQSYSEEWAQGFLLRYESGYTE 48
 .. * . : : * *:: * :: . . . : * : * : * : ***:
 OccK1 | GTVGVLGLDAIGLFGVRLNSGRGTSNSELLPLH-DDGRAADNYGRVGVAAKLRSVASELKI 110
 OccK2 | GSV[GFG]LDVLGLYSLKLDGGKGTAGTQLLPIH-DDGRPAD[DFGRLAVAGKLRVSNSELKI 113
 OccK3 | GT[VGF]VDAIGLLGFKLDSGSGSGGTQLPADGSAGGSQDDYAKLGLTAKARVSNSLLKV 107
 OccK4 | GPLGFGLDATGLLGVKLDSGRGRSNDGTLPGFANSKEPVDDYSHLGI[TAKLRYSQTQLQV 108
 OccK5 | GTVGFGLDMA[GMLGVKLDSGRGRSGTGLPKD-SDGRAPDTYSKLGITAKVKSQSELKV 118
 OccK6 | GT[I]GFVDAIGLLGVKLDS[PDRSGTGLLKR]DRETGRAQD[DYE]GEAGITAKLRASKSTLKI 108
 OccK7 | GLFGLGVDALGLLGVRLDSSPERSGSGLLPYSTSDRRAAHDSLGLTAKLRVSHSTLKI 108
 * . * . : * : . : * : . . * . . . : . : * : * : * : * :
 L3 → L4 →
 OccK1 | GEMLPDIPLLRYDDGRILLPQTFRGFAVVSRRELPG[LALQAGRFDAVS]LRNSADMQDLSAWS 170
 OccK2 | GEWMPVLPILRSDDGRSLPQTFRGGQLSANIEIAG[LTL]YAGQFRGNPRNDASMQDMSLFG 173
 OccK3 | GAL[HFKSP]LVSAN[DTR]LLPELFRGALLDVQEIDG[LTLRG]AHLDRNKLNSSSDYQVFSANR 167
 OccK4 | GILMPQLPVAF[RDD]VRLLPQTFDGALLTSSEIEGLT[LTAGQLWKSRTRESAGSDDMYIMG 168
 OccK5 | GTLIPKLPSPVQPNNG[RIFPQ]IFEGALLTSKEIKDLGFTAGRLEKTKIRDSSDSED[LALND 178
 OccK6 | GTLTPKLPVIMPND[SRLLPQT]FQGGALNSMEIDG[LTLDAGR]LKVNQRDSDNEDMTITG 168
 OccK7 | GTLMPPRLPVVQFNDFTRLHPQTQFQGGLEVNEIDGLALQFGQLRQVKQRDSTNAEDLGITR 168
 * * : * : * : * * : * : . * : . . . : . . . : . :
 →
 OccK1 | APTQK-----SDGFNYAGAEYRFNRERTQLGLWHGQLEDVYRQSYANLLHKQRVGDW 222
 OccK2 | RPAAT-----SDRFDFAGGEYRFNGERSLGLWNAELKD[YRQQYLQ]QHSQPLGDW 225
 OccK3 | IIGR-----SDAFDFAGGDYRLT-PALTASLHQGRKL[KD]YRQTFAGLVHTLDLGGQ 217
 OccK4 | RDKAH-----ASDEFNLAGATY[AFT]-PRLSASYYYGQL[KD]YRQHYLGLLHTLPLGEG 220
 OccK5 | KNGR-----FAGVSADHFDLGGDYKLT-DQLTASYHYSNLQDVYRQHFVGLLHSWPIGPG 233
 OccK6 | GGKR[NIVR]SGLTSDKFDFA[GGS]YKWT-DNLSTS[YH]GKLDFNQ[KQHYLGLVHTLPIADK 227
 OccK7 | GNKRNVLAGRHPGSDFRDFA[GGS]TYRWS-ERLSSYYHYANLEDFYRQHHLGVQHLLPIADD 227
 : * : . * * * : * : . : * : ..
 L7 →
 OccK1 | T-LGANLGLFVDRDDGAARAGEIDSHTVYGLFSAGIGLHTFYLGLQKVGGDSGWQSVYGS 281
 OccK2 | L-LGANLGGFGRGRDAGSARAGKLDNR[TV]SALFSARYGLHTLYLGLQKVSGDDGWMRVNGT 284
 OccK3 | RSLKSDLRFARA[SE]DGGFR--ELDNRAFGALPSLRLGAHA[VAA]YQRI[GDDP]PYIAG- 274
 OccK4 | LSLRSDLRFD[SG]GE[DG]AAISGPV[DN]RNLNAMLT[LR]AGAHAFGIGVQKMI[GND]AFPV[LN]G 280
 OccK5 | E-LTSDLRFLARSTDGS[AKAGGI]DKNSLNGMFTYSLGNHAFGAAWQRMNGDDA[P]FYLEG- 291
 OccK6 | QSLKSDIRWARSTDGSS---NV[D]NKALNAMFTYSLGYHAFGVGYQKMS[GDTG]FAYING- 283
 OccK7 | QSLKSDIRWARSTDEGGS---RVNNRALNALFTYRLGGHAFGLGYQRM[G]DSGFAYLAG- 283
 * : : : * . : : . . : * : . * : * : : * : ..
 →
 OccK1 | SGRSMGNDMFNGNFTNADE[R]SWQVRYDYDFVGLGP[G]LGMVRYGHGSNATT[KAGSG-GK 340
 OccK2 | SGGT[LAND]SYNASYDNPGERSWQI[RYDF]FVGLGLPG[L]TFMTRYLHGDHVRLAGVTDDGS 344
 OccK3 | SDP[YLVNF]I[QIGD]FGNVDERSWQI[RYDYDF]GALGLPG[L]SFMS[R]VSGDNVARG-AANDGK 333
 OccK4 | TTPYVANLMA[YQTF]TRPQE[K]SWQI[RYDYDF]AGLGLPG[L]NLMTRYVQGRDIDRGAGRDDS 340

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------|---|--|-------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|-----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OccK5 | SNPYLVNFVQVNDFAGPKE | RSWQLRYDYDFVGLGIPGLT | TFMTRYVKGDNVELAGQSGEGR | 351 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| OccK6 | A | D | PYLVNFQIQIGDFANKDE | KSWQARYDYNFAGVGIPG | LTFMTRYVKGDNIDLLTTSGEGRK | 343 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| OccK7 | TDPYLVNFVQIGDFANKDERSWQLRYDYDFAAIGLPGLT | FMSRYLGEHIDLLDGGRGK | 343 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | : | : | * | : | : | . | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| OccK1 | EWERDVELGYTVQSGPLARLN | VRLNHASNRRSFNS--DFDQTRLVVS | YPLSW- | 390 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| OccK2 | EWGRESELGYTLQSGAFKRLN | VWRNRNNSQRRDWGSNTRFDENR | LIIVSYPLSLL | 397 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| OccK3 | EWERNNTDLGYVVQSGPLKNL | GVKW RNATVRSNFAN-- DLDENR LILSYSALW | 384 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| OccK4 | EWERNNTDSYVIQSGPLKSV | ALKWRNITYRSRYGA--DLDENRFIVNYTLKLW | 391 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| OccK5 | EWERNTELQYVFQSGALKNL | GIR RNATFRSNFTR-- DIDENR LIIVSYTLP | 402 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| OccK6 | EWERDMDIAYVFQSGPLKNL | GVKWRNATMRTNYTN--DYDENR LIIVSYTLP | 394 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| OccK7 | EWERDTDIAYLVQSGPLKNLG | I KLRNGTFRSDFGN-- DIDETR LIIVSYALPLW | 394 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | ** | : | : | * | *** | : | : | : | * | : | * | : | * | : | * | : | * | : | * | : | * |

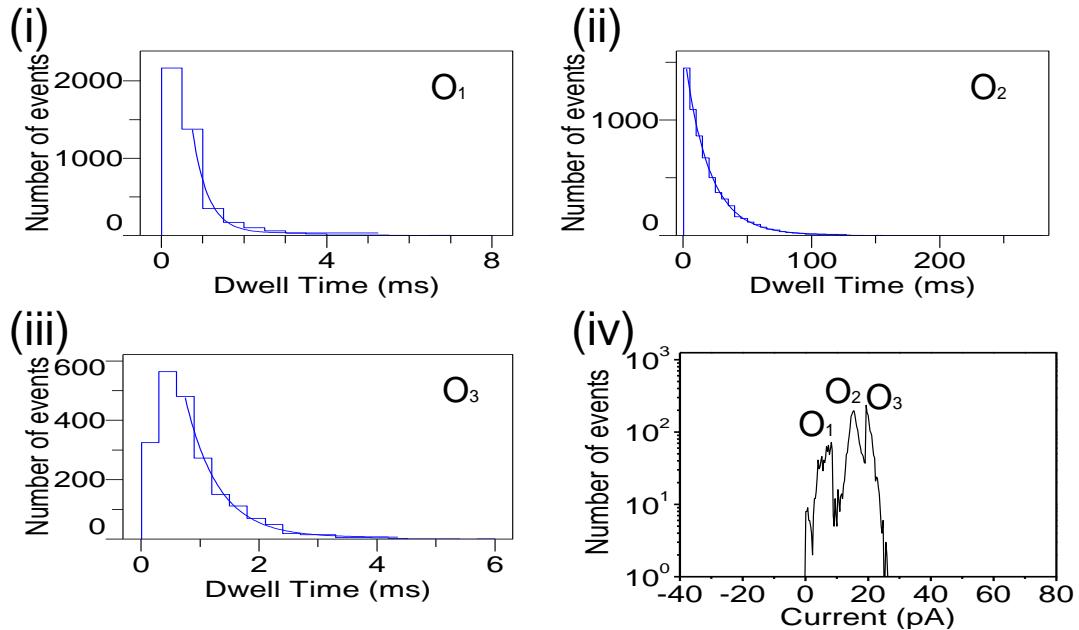
Figure S1 Amino acid sequence analysis of seven OccK subfamily members. (A) Phylogenetic tree generated by ClustalW2 (Version 2.1, The European Bioinformatics Institute, UK) and (B) Sequence homology analysis generated by Clustal Omega (Version 1.0.3, The European Bioinformatics Institute, UK), where conserved sites are marked with '*', ':', or '.' at the bottom of the sequences. An asterisk (*) indicates positions which have a single, invariant residue. A colon (:) indicates conservation between groups of strongly similar properties (scoring > 0.5 in the Gonnet PAM 250 matrix). A period (.) indicates conservation between groups of weakly similar properties (scoring <= 0.5 in the Gonnet PAM 250 matrix). The β-barrel regions are highlighted in yellow. The charged amino acids located near the central constriction are marked in red. Large extracellular loops L3, L4, and L7, which are folded back into the channel lumen, are indicated by horizontal arrows.

Figure S2

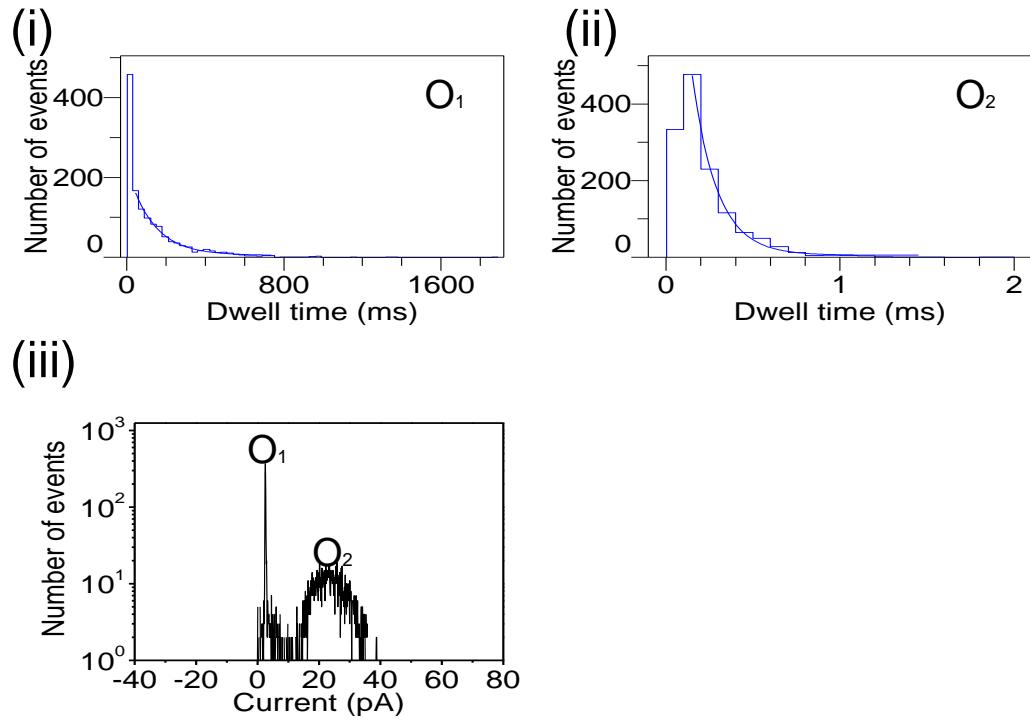
A OccK1



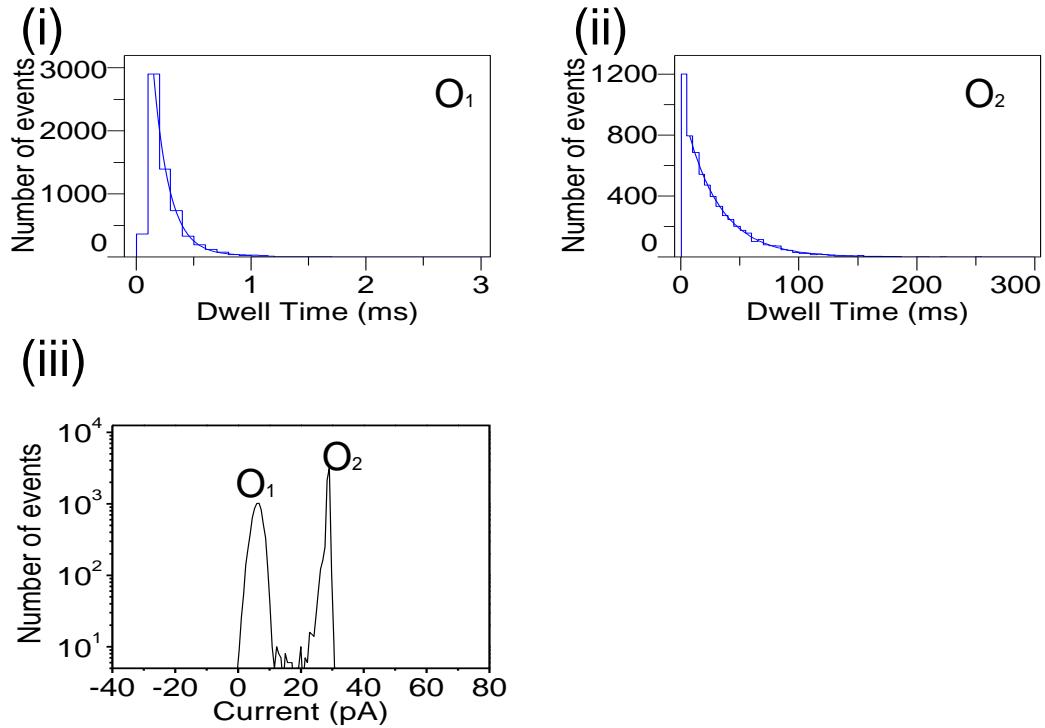
B OccK2



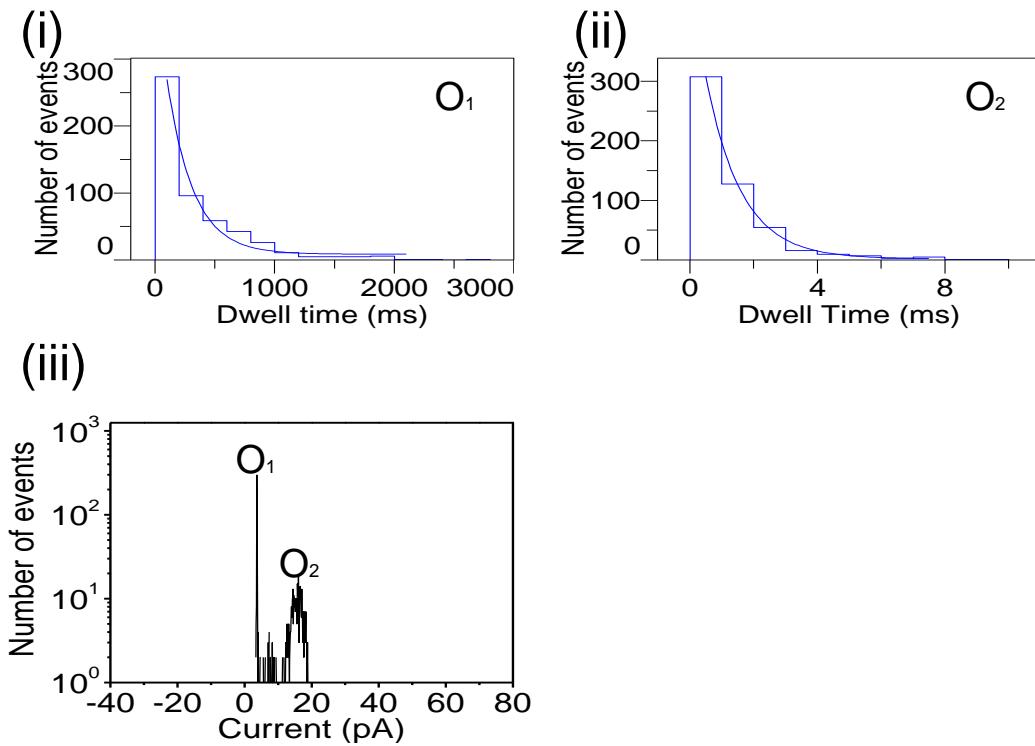
C OccK4



D OccK5



E OccK6



F OccK7

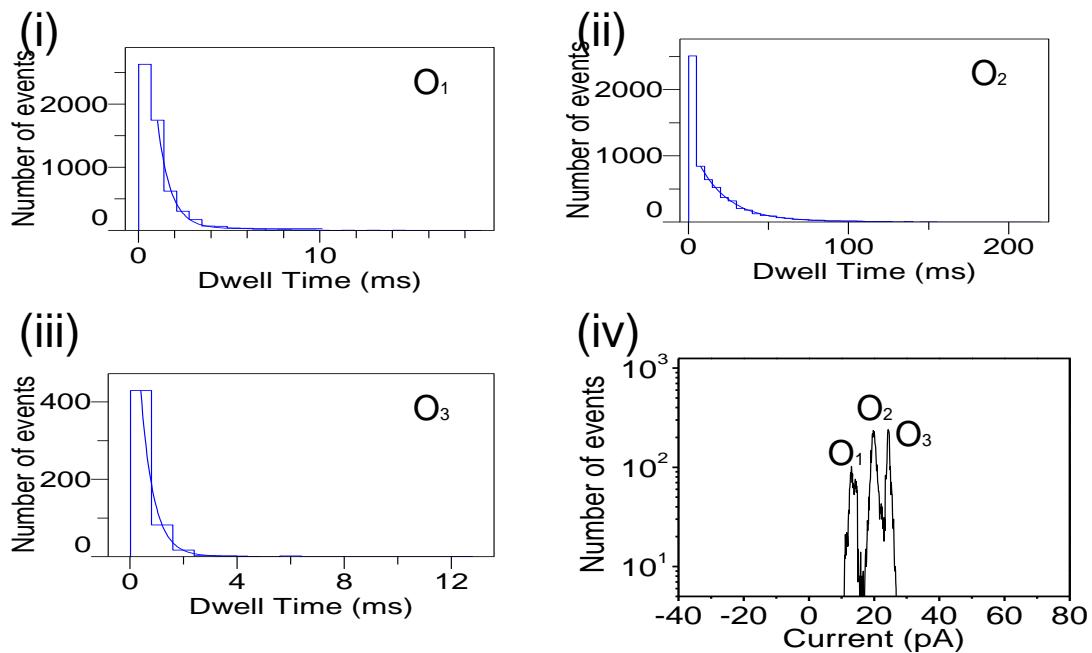


Figure S2 The single-channel sub-state transition analyses of the OccK subfamily members. (A) OccK1, **(B)** OccK2, **(C)** OccK4, **(D)** OccK5, **(E)** OccK6 and **(F)** OccK7. For **(A)**, **(E)** and **(F)**, **(i),(ii)**, and **(iii)** are the dwell time histograms of the O_1 , O_2 , and O_3 open sub-states, respectively. In these cases, **(iv)** represent the fitted current amplitude histograms, indicating the number of events of each open sub-state. For **(B)**, **(C)**, and **(D)**, **(i)** and **(ii)** are the dwell time histograms of the O_1 and O_2 open sub-states, whereas **(iii)** are the fitted current amplitude histograms. Data were collected in 1M KCl, 10 mM potassium phosphate, pH=7.4, and at a transmembrane potential of +60 mV. For OccK4 and OccK6, the traces were low-pass Bessel filtered at 5 kHz. In the case of the other protein channels, we used a filtering frequency of 2 kHz. All the dwell time histograms are fitted to a single-exponential distribution, as judged by log likelihood ratio (LLR) tests with a confidence level of 95% (1;2). The fitting results of the dwell time histograms were the following: τ_{O1} (OccK1) = 2.37 ± 0.06 ms; τ_{O2} (OccK1) = 6.09 ± 0.08 ms; τ_{O3} (OccK1) = 4.79 ± 0.06 ms; τ_{O1} (OccK2) = 0.38 ± 0.02 ms; τ_{O2} (OccK2) = 19.16 ± 0.23 ms; τ_{O3} (OccK2) = 0.56 ± 0.02 ms; τ_{O1} (OccK4) = 129 ± 6 ms; τ_{O2} (OccK4) = 0.14 ± 0.01 ms; τ_{O1} (OccK5) = 29.1 ± 0.4 pS; τ_{O2} (OccK5) = 0.12 ± 0.01 ms; τ_{O1} (OccK6) = 219 ± 20 ms; τ_{O2} (OccK6) = 1.11 ± 0.03 ms; τ_{O1} (OccK7) = 0.72 ± 0.03 ms; τ_{O2} (OccK7) = 19.1 ± 0.3 ms; τ_{O3} (OccK7) = 0.48 ± 0.01 ms.

A three-open sub-state kinetic model for the current fluctuations of the OccK proteins

Using standard formalisms of chemical kinetics for single-molecule fluctuations of the OccK protein channel (3), we have the following system of partial differential equations (4-6):

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dP_{O1}}{dt} &= -k_{O1 \rightarrow O2} P_{O1} + k_{O2 \rightarrow O1} P_{O2} \\ \frac{dP_{O2}}{dt} &= +k_{O1 \rightarrow O2} P_{O1} - k_{O2 \rightarrow O1} P_{O2} + k_{O3 \rightarrow O2} P_{O3} - k_{O2 \rightarrow O3} P_{O2} \\ \frac{dP_{O3}}{dt} &= -k_{O3 \rightarrow O2} P_{O3} + k_{O2 \rightarrow O3} P_{O2}\end{aligned}\quad (\text{S1})$$

where P_{O1} , P_{O2} and P_{O3} are the probabilities to occupy the O_1 , O_2 and O_3 sub-states, respectively. These probabilities are defined by the following expressions (4-6):

$$\begin{aligned}P_{O1} &= \frac{T_{O1}}{T} = \frac{N_{O1}\tau_{O1}}{T} = f_{O1}\tau_{O1} \\ P_{O2} &= \frac{T_{O2}}{T} = \frac{N_{O2}\tau_{O2}}{T} = (f_{O1} + f_{O3})\tau_{O2} \\ P_{O3} &= \frac{T_{O3}}{T} = \frac{N_{O3}\tau_{O3}}{T} = f_{O3}\tau_{O3}\end{aligned}\quad (\text{S2})$$

Here, T_{O1} , T_{O2} and T_{O3} are the total times occupied by the O_1 , O_2 and O_3 sub-states, respectively. N_{O1} , N_{O2} and N_{O3} are the total recorded events that correspond to the O_1 , O_2 and O_3 sub-states, respectively. T indicates the total recording time. f and τ denote the event frequency and the average dwell time for a well-defined sub-state, respectively. The equations (S2) show two components for the O_2 state, corresponding to transitions toward the O_1 and O_3 sub-states. In other words, the well made by the O_2 sub-state is flanked by two barriers for reaching the O_1 and O_3 sub-states.

The rates for reaching the O_1 and O_3 sub-states are just the corresponding event frequencies, which are normalized to the P_{O2} probability:

$$\begin{aligned}k_{O2 \rightarrow O1} &= \frac{f_{O1}}{P_{O2}} = \frac{f_{O1}}{1 - f_{O1}\tau_{O1} - f_{O3}\tau_{O3}} \\ k_{O2 \rightarrow O3} &= \frac{f_{O3}}{P_{O2}} = \frac{f_{O3}}{1 - f_{O1}\tau_{O1} - f_{O3}\tau_{O3}}\end{aligned}\quad (\text{S3})$$

At equilibrium, the partial derivatives of equations (S1) are zero, since the event probabilities are constant. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}k_{O1 \rightarrow O2} &= \frac{1}{\tau_{O1}} \\ k_{O3 \rightarrow O2} &= \frac{1}{\tau_{O3}}\end{aligned}\quad (\text{S4})$$

The equations (S3) and (S4) indicate that the four rates, which describe the kinetic scheme with three open sub-states, can be calculated using the event frequencies and the average dwell times of the flanked O_1 and O_3 sub-states. In addition, the equations (S3) and (S4) confirm the general rule that the average dwell time in a particular sub-state is given by the reciprocal of the sum of the kinetic rate constants for the transitions occurring away from that respective sub-state (3;7-9):

$$\frac{1}{\tau_{O2}} = k_{O2 \rightarrow O1} + k_{O2 \rightarrow O3}\quad (\text{S5})$$

Table S1: The standard free energies corresponding to various gating transitions of the OccK1 protein.
 (A) 1 M KCl; (B) 2 M KCl; (C) 3 M KCl; (D) 4 M KCl. The buffer solution contained 10 mM potassium phosphate, pH 8.0. All standard free energy (ΔG) values are given in $k_B T$. Data represent averages \pm SDs over a number of at least three distinct single-channel electrical recordings.

A.

| U (mV) | $\Delta G_{O1 \rightarrow O2}$ | $\Delta G_{O3 \rightarrow O2}$ |
|----------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| -80 | -2.8 \pm 0.2 | -1.6 \pm 0.1 |
| -60 | -3.4 \pm 0.2 | -1.6 \pm 0.1 |
| -40 | -4.4 \pm 0.5 | -1.5 \pm 0.1 |
| -20 | -4.9 \pm 0.6 | -1.8 \pm 0.1 |
| +20 | -3.7 \pm 0.1 | -2.0 \pm 0.1 |
| +40 | -3.4 \pm 0.2 | -1.6 \pm 0.3 |
| +60 | -3.3 \pm 0.5 | -1.8 \pm 0.2 |
| +80 | -2.6 \pm 0.1 | -1.6 \pm 0.2 |

B.

| U (mV) | $\Delta G_{O1 \rightarrow O2}$ | $\Delta G_{O3 \rightarrow O2}$ |
|----------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| -80 | -3.0 \pm 0.2 | -1.2 \pm 0.3 |
| -60 | -3.3 \pm 0.4 | -1.1 \pm 0.3 |
| -40 | -3.6 \pm 0.3 | -0.8 \pm 0.5 |
| -20 | -3.7 \pm 0.1 | -1.1 \pm 0.4 |
| +20 | -3.5 \pm 0.4 | -1.1 \pm 0.3 |
| +40 | -3.5 \pm 0.4 | -0.9 \pm 0.3 |
| +60 | -3.3 \pm 0.5 | -1.4 \pm 0.2 |
| +80 | -3.3 \pm 0.5 | -1.4 \pm 0.2 |

C.

| U (mV) | $\Delta G_{O1 \rightarrow O2}$ | $\Delta G_{O3 \rightarrow O2}$ |
|----------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| -80 | -2.7 \pm 0.3 | -0.9 \pm 0.5 |
| -60 | -3.3 \pm 0.1 | -0.9 \pm 0.3 |
| -40 | -3.9 \pm 0.2 | -1.5 \pm 0.1 |
| -20 | -4.0 \pm 0.3 | -1.3 \pm 0.1 |
| +20 | -4.2 \pm 0.3 | -1.6 \pm 0.3 |
| +40 | -4.0 \pm 0.6 | -1.4 \pm 0.1 |
| +60 | -4.0 \pm 0.9 | -1.3 \pm 0.1 |
| +80 | -3.6 \pm 1.1 | -1.1 \pm 0.2 |

D.

| U (mV) | $\Delta G_{O1 \rightarrow O2}$ | $\Delta G_{O3 \rightarrow O2}$ |
|----------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| -80 | -3.2 \pm 0.1 | -0.4 \pm 0.4 |
| -60 | -3.0 \pm 0.1 | -0.1 \pm 0.4 |
| -40 | -3.6 \pm 0.4 | -0.2 \pm 0.3 |
| -20 | -3.9 \pm 0.2 | -0.3 \pm 0.2 |
| +20 | -4.8 \pm 0.3 | -0.4 \pm 0.2 |
| +40 | -4.2 \pm 0.6 | -0.4 \pm 0.3 |
| +60 | -4.1 \pm 0.6 | -0.4 \pm 0.2 |
| +80 | -4.2 \pm 0.6 | -0.3 \pm 0.2 |

References

1. McManus, O. B., Blatz, A. L., and Magleby, K. L. (1987) Sampling, Log Binning, Fitting, and Plotting Durations of Open and Shut Intervals From Single Channels and the Effects of Noise, *Pflugers Arch.* 410, 530-553.
2. McManus, O. B. and Magleby, K. L. (1988) Kinetic states and modes of single large-conductance calcium-activated potassium channels in cultured rat skeletal-muscle, *J. Physiol. (Lond.)* 402, 79-120.
3. Aidley, D. J. and Stanfield, P. R. (1996) *Ion channels - Molecules in action* Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.
4. Urry, D. W., Venkatachalam, C. M., Spisni, A., Lauger, P., and Khaled, M. A. (1980) Rate theory calculation of gramicidin single-channel currents using NMR-derived rate constants, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U. S. A* 77, 2028-2032.
5. Kostyuk, P. G., Shuba, Y., and Teslenko, V. I. (1989) Activation kinetics of single high-threshold calcium channels in the membrane of sensory neurons from mouse embryos, *J. Membr. Biol.* 110, 29-38.
6. Moss, G. W. J. and Moczydlowski, E. (2002) Concepts of single-channel analysis: inferring function from fluctuations, in *Ion Channels - A Practical Approach* (Ashley, R. H., Ed.) Second ed., pp 69-112, Oxford University Press, Oxford.
7. Goodrich, C. P., Kirmizialtin, S., Huyghues-Despointes, B. M., Zhu, A. P., Scholtz, J.M., Makarov, D. E., and Movileanu, L. (2007) Single-molecule electrophoresis of beta-hairpin peptides by electrical recordings and Langevin dynamics simulations, *J. Phys. Chem. B* 111, 3332-3335.
8. Mohammad, M. M. and Movileanu, L. (2008) Excursion of a single polypeptide into a protein pore: simple physics, but complicated biology, *Eur. Biophys. J.* 37, 913-925.
9. Bikwemu, R., Wolfe, A. J., Xing, X., and Movileanu, L. (2010) Facilitated translocation of polypeptides through a single nanopore, *J. Phys. :Condens. Matter* 22, 454117.